Grant to a beggar home by the Kozhikode Municipality.

* 543 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Kozhikode Municipality, Malabar, proposed to give a grant of Rs. 1,000 per mensem to a beggar home; and

(*b*) whether the proposal was vetoed by the Government?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" When the tackling of the beggar problem is taken up at the Governmental level, they shirk their responsibility by saying that it is more or less the function of local bodies and when local bodies want to give some help, the Government refuse the grant to them. May I request the Government to import more sympathy and humanity in tackling the beggar problem? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The Government are already tackling the beggar problem. The financial position of the Kozhikode Municipality is such that it is not permissible for them to start a beggar home."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The beggar problem is very acute in the Kozhikode Municipality and the Government are adopting a dog-in-the-manger policy with regard to the solution of the beggar problem. When the Municipality has come forward to solve it, the Government have imposed some impossible conditions and have refused permission for the municipality to run a beggar home. Will the Government, in the light of these facts, reconsider the whole matter? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The beggar problem is a very great problem. Considering the financial position of the Municipality, the Government have suggested to them not to take up the matter now."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" When the Government shove the responsibility of tackling the beggar problem on to the local bodies, will they at the same time ask them to set apart at least a portion of the municipality's or local body's income for this particular purpose and see that it is properly utilized? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Whenever funds permit, such a municipality is permitted to take up such works."

Inclusion of certain villages in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, under the National Extension Service.

* 544 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to include Cherukunnu, Erimavu and Kannapuram amsams in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, under the National Extension Service?